

making it her mission to help teenage mothers learn effective parenting skills through the Maternal League's successful Sunshine program. Serving as corresponding secretary, historian and parliamentarian, Midge has been indispensable to the efforts of the League and has proven time and time again her ability to avert any crisis with her quick thinking and calm presence.

When she's not dedicating her time to the Maternal League you can often find Mrs. Weinberg serving as co-chair of "This Side Up," teaching safe sleeping practices to caregivers of newborns, as well as serving on the boards of Bethany Home, The Parenting Center and LeBonheur Club.

In culmination of all her community efforts, Margaret Weinberg has been recognized by the Germantown Lions Club as their Citizen of the Year for 2007. Her experience and leadership make her an invaluable member of the Germantown community and a shining example for others to follow.

Please join me in honoring Margaret Weinberg and wishing her the best on this well-deserved award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was voting in the Texas Democratic Primary and missed the votes on:

H.R. 1143, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park (Rollcall 88). Although H.R. 1143 passed by a vote of 378-0, I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 88.

H.R. 1311, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility (Rollcall 89). Although H.R. 1311 passed by a vote of 377-0, I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 89.

H.R. 816, To provide for the release of certain land from the Sunrise Mountain Instant Study Area in the State of Nevada and to grant a right-of-way across the released land for the construction and maintenance of a flood control project (Rollcall 90). Although H.R. 816 passed by a vote of 375-0, I respectfully request the opportunity to record my position. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on Rollcall 90.

Again, I express my full support for these important pieces of legislation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RIC KELLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. KELLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I have remained in Orlando, Florida with my wife and our new daughter who was born on Monday, March 3rd. If I had been present yes-

terday, I would have voted in the following manner: rollcall 88: "yea"; rollcall 89: "yea"; rollcall 90: "yea."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING LADY BAESMAN ON HER RE- CEIPT OF THE OUTSTANDING ADVOCACY VOLUNTEER AWARD

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Lady Baesman is appreciated for her dedication and contributions to the American Cancer Society; and

Whereas, she has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society since 1956; and

Whereas, she has fought for numerous improvements and has been successful in many of her campaigns; and

Whereas, her efforts have been recognized through the Capitol Dome Award, which is the highest nationwide advocacy award given at the state level each year; and

Whereas, she has served the organization and her community selflessly and tirelessly: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend Lady Baesman on her contributions to the American Cancer Society. Congratulations to Lady Baesman on her receipt of the Outstanding Advocacy Volunteer Award.

RECOGNIZING CARLOS K. HAYDEN

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, Elmer Davis once said "this nation will remain the land of the free, only so long as it is the home of the brave." Standing as a testament to Mr. Davis' statement are courageous Veterans like Atascocita resident Carlos K. Hayden. Born into a family with generations of soldiers, he always harbored aspirations to serve his country. Throughout his 35 year military career, Carlos K. Hayden bravely fought to uphold the liberties that we are able to today as a Nation hold dear.

Hayden was commissioned as a second lieutenant on June 17, 1941. Just a week later, he was on active duty with the 1st Armored Division, 68th Field Artillery Battalion. While fighting in Tunisia under the command of General George S. Patton he served as a forward observer. He even had the fortune of meeting Gen. Patton while overlooking a battlefield. During WWII he served 5 years of active duty, 3 in North Africa, and 2 in Italy.

When Carlos K. Hayden retired from the military in 1976 he had attained the rank of Brigadier General. The evidence of his brave 35 year career is illustrated through his many commendations. They include the Purple Heart, the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, a Bronze Star with Valor, a Presidential Unit Citation and Six Battle Stars. The Battle Stars were awarded for his service in Tunisia,

Naples, Foggia, Rome-Arno, Anzio, North Apennines and the Po Valley. He also received the Texas DAR Metal of Honor, and the Ohio State University Distinguished Service Award. As a result of Hayden's impressive vocation; he was inducted into the Army ROTC hall of fame.

Now at the age of 90, Carlos continues to serve the community and commemorate his time as a military serviceman. He returned to the battlefields in Tunisia on the 50th anniversary of its liberation. With other members of the 1st Armored Division, they retraced their 1940's route. In 2008, Hayden is serving his third term as the president of the 1st Armored Division's national association. For the Military Order of the Purple Heart, he is also the senior Vice Commander of chapter 782.

Abiding with the generational service to their country, Carlos K. Hayden's Grandson Army Captain Jeff Sharpe recently returned from a second tour in Iraq. Evidence that America is still "the home of the brave."

And that's just the way it is.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to explain my absence from votes cast on March 4, 2008. I was in Houston for the Texas primary election.

On rollcall vote No. 88, to approve H.R. 1143, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 89, to approve H.R. 1311, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 90, to approve H.R. 816, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE PRO MUSKINGUM FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Pro Muskingum Family and Children First has been selected to receive the Ohio Department of Education's 2007 Asset Builder Award for Exemplary Practices to a Community Organization; and

Whereas, Pro Muskingum Family and Children First is enhancing the quality of life in Muskingum County and are attracting families and businesses to the region; and

Whereas, areas such as family strengthening, promoting education, developing leaders within the community are being addressed by the organization: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate you on receiving the Ohio Department of Education's 2007 Asset Builder Award. With great appreciation and respect, we recognize the tremendous impact the Pro Muskingum Family and Children First has had on the community.